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1. NEW ZEALAND DELOFF BELIEVE US AND SOVS WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME ACCOMMODATION TO COASTAL STATE INTERESTS TO ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY STRAITS ARTICLE. THEY FURTHER BELIEVE SUBMERGED PASSAGE AND OVERFLIGHT WILL REQUIRE NOTIFICATION. ON SEABEDS, NZ SUPPORTS 200 MILES PLUS RECOGNITION OF EXISTING RIGHTS OF SHELF BEYOND. RIGHTS BEYOND 200 MILES NEGOTIABLE.

2. JAPAN DELOFF STATED THEY ARE WORKING ON STRAITS ARTICLES BUT UNCERTAIN ON EITHER INTRODUCTION OR EVEN DISCUSSION WITH GROUP OF FIVE.

3. UK DELOFF REPORTED UK HAD INSTRUCTIONS ALLOWING SUPPORT OF POLLUTION ENFORCEMENT ZONE BUT DELOFF UNCERTAIN WHEN OR IF THEY WILL USE THIS AUTHORITY.

4. NEW ZEALAND DELOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER VOID IN EXPERTISE
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IN SOUTH AND INDO-PACIFIC MATTERS BY CEDRIC SETTER'S DEATH.

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NO REPLACEMENT AVAILABLE WHILE MAJOR FISHERIES PROBLEMS FACE REGION. SMALL SIZE (FOUR) OF NZ DELEGATION UNABLE COVER ALL SBC ACTIVITIES. NZ WILL SUPPORT 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE AND AMB HARRY (AUSTRALIA) SPEECH OF 9 MARCH 73 FULLY REFLECTS NZ VIEWS. DELOFF SYMPATHETIC US PROBLEMS WITH SALMON AND MAY PROVIDE SUPPORT. NZ TUNA FISHERY STEADILY DEVELOPING, PARTICULARLY ALBACORE, AND JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENT WITH STARKIST CLOSE TO CONCLUSION. INTEREST CENTERS ON SOUTH PACIFIC SKIPJACK AND SMALL PELAGIC FISH, PARTICULARLY MACKERAL. JAPANESE FISHING OFF NZ IS MATTER OF GROWING CONCERN.

5. KUWAIT AL-SABAH TOLD STEVENSON:

A. KENYA, INDIA, SRI LANKA, CANADA CO-SPONSORED DRAFT ARTICLE ON FISHERIES UNSATISFACTORY TO A NUMBER OF ASIAN STATES. KUWAIT, SEEING NO BENEFIT, WILL OPPOSE ARTICLES, AND AL-SABAH WONDERED AT SRI LANKA SPNOSORSHIP SINCE IT WAS OBVIOUSLY AGAINST THEIR BASIC INTERESTS. (FROM ANOTHER AFRICAN SOURCE, IT WAS LEARNED THAT NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING TANZANIA, HAD OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT AND WOULD THEREFORE OPPOSE IT.)

B. AL-SABAH WAS DUBIOUS ON ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT AND KUWAIT WILL WAIT UNTIL TREATY CONTENTS ARE DETERMINED BEFORE AGREEING TO COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT.

C. AL-SABAH NOTED PERSIAN GULF RAPIDLY BECOMING OVER-FISHED AND KUWAIT FISHING FLEET NOW OPERATING PRIMARILY OFF WEST AFRICA WITH SOME ACTIVITY IN AUSTRALIA-NZ AREAS. HE THOUGHT REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON FISHERIES IMPOSSIBLE IN GULF BECAUSE DIFFERING POLITICAL VIEWS WOULD COMINATE SUCH DISCUSSIONS AND SAME SITUATION APPLIED TO WEST COAST OF ARFRICA.

6. SINGAPORE DELOFF STATED MALAYSIA, INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE MET PRIOR TO SBC MEETING TO DISCUSS STRAIT OF MALACCA AND AGREED ON NEED FOR LIMITATION OF TANKER SIZE, BUT HE MADE NO MENTION OF FIGURES. SINGAPORE CONCERNED ABOUT INDONESIA DESIRE TO DIVERT TRAFFIC TO INDONESIAN AREAS AND HAS WARNED MALAYSIA OF INDONESIAN INTENT.

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7. JAPAN DELOFFS, INCLUDING HASAGAWA, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, PRESSED HARD FOR ZONE FOR POLLUTION ENFORCEMENT OF DISCHARGE STANDARDS WHICH THEY BELIEVE NECESSARY TO PROTECT JAPANESE COASTS. DELOFF STATED IT WAS ALSO FOR TACTICAL REASONS TO ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR VES-SELS. PORT STATE ENFORCEMENT CONSIDERED INADEQUATE SINCE SOME PORT STATES, E.G., USSR, NOT RELIABLE. JAPAN CANNOT ACCEPT ANYTHING ON STATE LIABILITY.

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8. INDIA (JAGOTA) SPOKE AT UNEP MEETING IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS FOR SEABEDS TO APPLY COAST-TO-COAST.

9. SWEDEN DELOFF LIKED TRAIN PROPOSAL AND US DRAFT ARTICLES ON POLLUTION. COPIES SENT TO STOCKHOLM AND DELOFF EXPRESSED INTENTION SUPPORT US.

10. CANADA DELOFF SCIENTIST EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS WITH L.38 AND DISSATISFACTION WITH CANADA ASSOCIATION WITH IT.

11. NORWAY DELOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MOVEMENT TO TERMINATE WG SESSIONS VERY EARLY IN AUGUST HAS WIDE SUPPORT BECAUSE OF BELIEF THAT TIME IS NECESSARY TO CREATE DECENT REPORT FOR GA. FEELING IS PREFERENCE FOR A TIMELY REPORT SHOWING LESS PROGRESS THAN RISK LATE REPORT AND THREAT TO CONVENING CONF IN SPRING. DELOFF (WHO ACTIVE LOBBYIST BUT SOMETIMES UNRELIABLE) ALSO STATED EXISTENCE OF MOVEMENT TO HAVE CONF COMITES MEET DURING JAN-FEB IN NY TO CONTINUE PREPARATORY WORK AT WORKING LEVELS BEFORE HIGH RANKS MEETING IN SANTIAGO.

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